

**Remarks/Arguments**

**A. Pending Claims**

Claims 81-153 are pending. Claims 157-159 have been cancelled.

**B. Election of Claims**

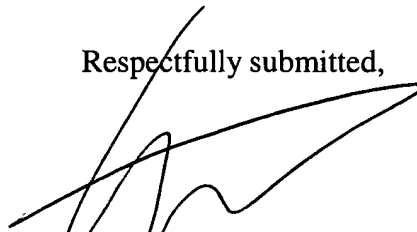
In the Office Action mailed April 23, 2004, the Examiner stated that the Election/Restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed October 23, 2003 was in error. The Examiner required a new restriction between Group I, claims 81-153, and Group II, claims 154-159. The Office Action mailed October 14, 2003 included only claims 154-156 in Group II.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 81-153 drawn to a production system, without traverse. Claims 157-159 have been cancelled. Claims 154-156 were cancelled in Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2003. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application or applications to non-elected subject matter.

**C. Additional Comments**

If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees have been omitted or if any additional fees are required, please charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5226-00600/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



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